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1. The conscripts of the class of 1949 and, in general, those who had been exempted from the classes of 1946, 1947 and 1948, were called up in January from all parts of Albania. Those who enrolled from the area of Gjinokaster are 1200 in number. From Gjinokaster they were taken to Kavaje, where there is a training center. They will form new military units with cadres of old soldiers. The draftees of the classes of 1950 and 1951 were alerted for enlistment, because they are reportedly to be called up in the summer of this year.
2. After the draftees were called up, three new People's Security Regiments were formed, one at Tirana, one at Kavaje and one at Elbasan. These were formerly composed of soldiers of the People's Security Regiments and of men of the Army, but belonging to old classes. The latter were replaced by the draftees.
3. Two of these regiments, one from Kavaje and one from Elbasan, left for the areas of Divri and Kuxi (Yugoslav border) early in March. The strength of each regiment is 1500 men, that is to say, three battalions of 500 men each.
4. The strength of the Yugoslav Army which moved to the Albanian-Yugoslav border beginning in January, amounted to seven infantry battalions. The total strength of all Albanian troops which moved to the borders from the very beginning amounts to four regiments, one People's Security Battalion, and two army regiments, of Pogradec and Divri.
5. Early in March 1949 guard-posts were established at the following points of the border:
  - a. Near the Monastery of Agia Maria, subordinate to the platoon at the Monastery.
  - b. The village of Selio, subordinate to the platoon of Sotira. Military bakeries operate in Vrysera and service the companies of Logo and Kakavia.

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6. Early in March 1949 the strength of all guard-posts was reduced by 3-4 men, who were taken to the Battalion of Giorgoutsades. From there they were sent to strengthen the units in Northern Albania.

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